

### Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An air sleeve~~ A composite material comprising:  
a plurality of textile fibers; having distributed over surface portions thereof  
an RFL adhesive distributed over surface portions of the textile fibers; and  
a vulcanizable rubber composition comprising: composed of [(A)] 50 to 100 parts by weight of polychloroprene rubber[[:];], and [(A)] zero to 50 parts by weight of at least one additional rubber[[:];], and [(C)] from about 0.1 to [(2)] 4 parts by weight of a hydrotalcite.
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~air sleeve composite material~~ of claim 1, wherein said at least one additional rubber is selected from the group consisting of poly-epichlorohydrin, polyisobutylene, halogenated-polyisobutylene, natural rubber, polyisoprene, polybutadiene, styrene-butadiene rubber, ethylene propylene diene terpolymer (EPDM), and mixtures thereof.
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~air sleeve composite material~~ of claim 1, wherein said ~~at least one~~ hydrotalcite comprises a compound of formula I
$$Mg_{(1-x)}Al_x(OH)_2(CO_3)_{x/2} \bullet nH_2O; \quad 0.25 < x < 0.33. \quad (I)$$
4. (Currently Amended) The ~~air sleeve composite material~~ of claim 1, wherein said textile fibers are selected from the group consisting of woven fabrics, knitted fabric, [[or]] spun bonded fabric, and fiber cord.
5. (Currently Amended) The ~~air sleeve composite material~~ of claim 1, wherein said textile fibers are composed of a material selected from the group consisting of rayon, nylon, polyester, aramid, cotton, and combinations thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~air sleeve~~ composite material of claim 1, wherein said textile fibers comprises nylon.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~air sleeve~~ composite material of claim 1, further comprising at least one second acid acceptor selected from the group consisting of magnesium oxide, calcium oxide, calcium hydroxide, and lead oxide.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~air sleeve~~ composite material of claim 1, wherein said hydrotalcite is present in an amount ranging from about 0.5 to ~~[[2]]~~ 4 parts by weight.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~air sleeve~~ composite material of claim 1, wherein said hydrotalcite is present in an amount ranging from about 1 to ~~[[2]]~~ 4 parts by weight.

10. (Canceled)

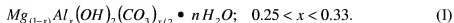
11. (Currently Amended) A method of adhering textile fibers to a vulcanizable rubber composition in an air sleeve, the method comprising:

(A) ~~obtaining textile fibers having distributed over surface portions thereof~~  
distributing an RFL adhesive over surface portions of the textile fibers; and

~~[[B]]~~ contacting said textile fibers with a vulcanizable rubber composition ~~comprising~~ composed of ~~[[1]]~~ 50 to 100 parts by weight of polychloroprene rubber~~[[;]]~~, ~~[[2]]~~ zero to 50 parts by weight of at least one additional rubber~~[[;]]~~, and ~~[[3]]~~ from about 0.1 to ~~[[2]]~~ 4 parts by weight of a hydrotalcite.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said at least one additional rubber is selected from the group consisting of poly-epichlorohydrin, polyisobutylene, halogenated-polyisobutylene, natural rubber, polyisoprene, polybutadiene, styrene-butadiene rubber, ethylene propylene diene terpolymer (EPDM), and mixtures thereof.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said ~~at least one~~ hydrotalcite comprises a compound of formula I



14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said textile fibers are selected from the group consisting of woven fabrics, knitted fabric, [[or]] spun bonded fabric, and fiber cord.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said textile fibers are composed of a material selected from the group consisting of rayon, nylon, polyester, aramid, cotton, and combinations thereof.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said textile fibers are composed of nylon.

17. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said vulcanizable rubber composition further comprises at least one second acid acceptor selected from the group consisting of magnesium oxide, calcium oxide, calcium hydroxide, and lead oxide.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said hydrotalcite is present in an amount ranging from about 0.5 to [[2]] 4 parts by weight.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said hydrotalcite is present in an amount ranging from about 1 to [[2]] 4 parts by weight.

20. (Canceled)